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SUBJECT: AZORES: FRENCH-PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT ON FLORES

SUMMARY: FRANCE AND PORTUGAL HAVE AGREED TO RENEW THE FRENCH AZORES FACILITY FOR ANOTHER 12 YEARS. FORMAL SIGNATURE IS EXPECTED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH DCM (HURRIET) PROVIDED DCM WITH RUN-DOWN ON RECENTLY CONCLUDED FRENCH-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FRENCH TRACKING STATION ON FLORES ISLAND IN AZORES. THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN INITIALED AND FRENCH EMBASSY EXPECTS FORMAL SIGNATURE WILL OCCUR IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS--JANUARY 18 IS TARGET DATE. PORTUGUESE FONMIN MEDEIROS FERREIRA HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SIGNING THE AGREEMENT, AND HIS SCHEDULE WILL DETERMINE EXACT DATE. THIS AGREEMENT WILL RENEW AND REPLACE THE CURRENT 12-YEAR AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1964, AND DUE TO EXPIRE IN JUNE 1977.
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2. TERMS OF AGREEMENT:
-- DURATION: 12 YEARS, DIVIDED INTO TWO SIX-YEAR PERIODS.
-- FACILITIES GRANTED: SAME AS IN PREVIOUS ACCORD, I.E. TRACKING STATION ON FLORES AND FACILITIES FOR FRENCH PERSONNEL MANNING THE STATION.

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-- QUID: NO DIRECT MONETARY PAYMENT IS INVOLVED. FRANCE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING PROJECT AID FOR THE AZORES: (A) A NEW FISHING PORT ON FLORES WILL BE BUILT; (B) VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ON FLORES, EXPECIALLY HYDRO-POWER; (C) A SMALL SANITATION PROJECT ON SANTA MARIA ISLAND.
-- THE COST OF THESE PROJECTS TO FRANCE IS TO EQUAL, IN REAL TERMS, FRENCH EXPENDITURES DURING THE TERM OF THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. LISBON CIVIL CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX WILL BE USED TO DEFLATE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION COSTS.
-- GOP'S INITIAL DEMAND WAS FOR 200 MILLION ESCUDOS (US $63.7 MILLION). AGREED PRICE FOR FRENCH AID PROJECTS WAS FINALLY SET AT 140 MILLION ESCUDOS (US $44.6 MILLION).

3. DELEGATIONS: THE PORTUGUESE SIDE WAS REPRESENTED IN THE TALKS BY ADMIRAL ECA (CHAIRMAN), CAPT ATAIDE (PN), CUNHA VALENTE (FONMIN), AND AN AZOREAN REPRESENTATIVE, A PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER. THE FRENCH TEAM WAS HEADED BY A NAVAL OFFICER FROM PARIS.
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